See Here, Mr. Taft, How Could You Frown on the Ecstatic College Yell?

Look at These Sample Runes with Which Under and Post "Grad" Can Express All the Emotions.

D RESIDENT TAFT'S good natured school. criticism a few days ago of the "contortions" developed by the yell leader of the University of Minnesota and his reference to the "graceful hurrahs" of other days as more pleasing to the ear and for all practical purposes just as effective as "barbaric" outbursts of the present have aroused much interest among university men not only in New York City, but throughout the country.

The yell master of the University of Minnesota had stood beside the President on the gymnasium platform at St. Paul. He had used the customary ecstatic gestures to get the crowd of students to a pitch of excitement that would assure to the President a distinct recollection of just what the cry of that institution was like. In print it loses much. Pared to the bone. It is as follows:

Hoorah! Hoorah! 'Varsity! 'Varsity!

The President's comment was offered at the close of this effort by the thousand or more students. They did their utmost to achieve the dream of their cheer leader He performed after the general method that has brought notoriety to Creatore, the bandmaster, but introduced several innovations in the calesthenics of cheering that left him nearly exhausted when his work was done. His face showed, among other things, that his exertions had sent an excess of blood to his brain. He was wilted in the region of the collar, but refused aid. When he took his seat in front of the platform he was breathing hard. A consciousness of having delivered the goods sustained him. The rest of the show might now go on. President Taft arose, and the gymnasium

was warmed by his all-embracing smile Then he delivered a heart-to-heart talk to the students of the university. He deprecated the modern custom of college yells. saying that in his day grotesque contortions and barbaric yelling had been deemed unnecessary, and yet he believed as good men were turned out then as now. He smilled again. "I know I am preaching ideals that are

perhaps beyond what I could have felt when I was twenty-one," he continued, "but it does not hurt you sometimes to hear the

President Vincent, at the end of the President's speech, called on the students to show by singing "Minnesota" that they could greet him otherwise than mechanically, and the way they responded shook

A YELL WITH DIGNITY.

Ask a Harvard gradute for an opinion and he will agreed with the President. depends, you know, on the kind of yell," he

'Rah! Rah! Rah! Rah! Rah! Rah! Rah! Rah! Rah! Harvard! is dignified. Don't you see? It is full of

character. It stands for something. But the intricate affairs of some of the other colleges and universities are positively ab-Something should be done. The President is quite right.

made those few remarks. says the Colum-bia alumnus. "He has probably been greet-feelings of a crowd of students and alumni Karo, Kero, Kiro, Kee ed by some exceedingly raw yells on his when they were in a state of exultation. trip. Some of them out there are harrow-Take, for instance, the cheer of the University of North Dakota. No diagram "Horsing Freshies" Is the Chief Joy of the Princeton Sophs

Ri-ri-ri! Hy-ah! Hy-ah! North Dakota!

"It is followed by the Sloux war cry which I do not recall.

"The University of the Pacific would, it seems to me, influence a lesser man than the President of the United States to offer kindly counsel for simplification in the production of hurral music. Its yell is:

> 'Boom chick boom, Boom chick boom

Hoom-a-jig-a-rig-a-jig-a-boom Rah! Rah! sis-boom-ah!

Pacifie! Pacifie! Rah! Rah! Rah! "Of course," continued the Columbia man, "I don't mean to say the evils that to an untutored stranger they are often have crept into college yells are to be times surprising, to say the least, and he found only in one section of the country. can't always be blamed when he sometimes Personally, I think the Western Reserve wonders if he is actually at one of the old-University has a cheer that is distorted, est institutions of learning in America or as you might say, although the preponderance of Greek roots that it contains at asylum by mistake. least indicates academic origin.

'O Sketlioi! pompai! Foo foo apolusal Al Ai

Rah! Rah! Reserve! "And the yell of Washington and Lee University borders on the ludicrous if you tion full to the brim with traditions. The take just the first two lines of it. The whole of it goes like this: 'Chic-a-go-runk!

Go-runk! Go-ree! Heigh ho! Hi ho!

Washington and Lee! Washington and Lee Tiger!

"Columbia's cheer, as of course you know, is free from any of these bizarre features. It is very effective. It goes:

C-o-l-u-m-b-f-a.

Columbia! Columbia! Columbia! " AN INDISPENSABLE YELL.

"What," asks a Yale man, "would Yale-Princeton football game be like without the college yell?" He then repeated the Yale cry, which sounded something like this:

'Brek-e-ke-kex, koax, koax, Brek-e-ke-kex, koax, koax, O-op, O-op, Parabaleu Yale, Yale, Yale, Rah, Rah, Rah,

Rah, Rah, Rah,

Rah, Rah, Rah,

Yale!" The number of times "rah" and "Yale" were repeated depended, he said, on the sophomore looks upon it as a duty to see instructions received from the cheer leader. that the new men "hit it up" to and from "It sounds fine from ten thousand Yale classes.

men crazy with joy," he exclaimed. "It leads the team to victory. It crowns the of doom. It is taken from 'The Frogs' of and unpretentious clothing, else he is Aristophanes. It's a classic. I don't like likely to rue the day that he bought the those 'wa hoo, huliaballoo,' idiotic yells any more than the President-hope they put a about his ears, put there at the request stop to them.

A Williams alumnus said: "The present duty to see that the newcomer has no loud effects upon his person. A tie of any tendency is toward involved articulation. The convolutions of the strong young fellows who, as yell leaders, strike the air cause trouble, and, in fact, the freshman with violent blows and tear the atmos- costume of black jersey and corduroy trouphere to shreds, uttering harsh cries the sers is by far the safest to wear. while, are also a comparatively recent development. The whole tendency is tow- leading from the railroad station up to the with: "By jove, that's my son they're ard exaggeration. Just as the President big Blair arch there is a little plot of grass, set forth: If these things are not checked, for years known as the Circus Maximus, where will the 'whack-quack' flends carry for reasons easily guessed. This is one of

It was to this line of inquiry apparently and many a Princeton freshman got his the high playground that is open to all that the President wished to direct the first start in life on this spot. If only a the students will be found some of the thoughts of the persons most interested in few well known actors and play writers best vaudeville in the country run on the the subject. There are several sides of could be on hand at some of these horsing three ring and two platform plan. On one the question. The smaller the school of sessions many a new star for the Broad-side two freshman eight-oared crews learning the bigger the yell. Hillsdale Col- way theatres might have been unearthed chosen at random, with their coats turned lege boys express themselves in moments and many an idea for a new play garnered, inside out, are having an exciting race, of excitement as follows:

Hipizoo-rhu-zoo Wah-hoo-wha-Hillsdale!

before mentioning the name of the insti- But he added that the yell of the Unitution. Its yell begins with its name and versity of California was, to his way of by its name is sprinkled-soaked, rather- thinking, something else again. throughout its length and breadth. No one could mistake it as applying to any other

Mlami, Yip Yip! Mlami U Ro Mlami, Mlami, Ho Hang Ho. Miami, Eureka, Sis Boom, Bah, Miami 'Varsity Rah! Rah! Rah!

that the name Cornell thus lent itself to Miami University, out in Ohio, does not the expression of high geared emotion elieve in waiting until the cry is over through its ability to rhyme with "I Yell."

> Oski! Wow! Wow! Wiskee! Wee, Wee! Oleo mucky-ei! Cali-forn-ia! Wow!

He had made quite a study of the sub-



COLLEGE CHEER MASTER EMPLOYING THE ARTS OF HIS PROFESSION TO BRING OUT AS MUCH PRECI-SION AND VOLUME OF NOISE AS POSSIBLE FROM HIS YELLING MATES. PRESIDENT TAFT GOOD-HUMOREDLY DUBBED HIS "CLASSY" MOVEMENTS CONTORTIONS.

made those few remarks," says the Colum- along lines properly to give vent to the he had never felt drawn.

Which Youngsters Play

Fool at Bidding of Sec-

ond Year Men.

"Hats oft" "Circulate!" These and similar cries, with an accom-

panying scurry of feet, are familiar sounds

in the early fall to those living in the im-

mediate vicinity of Princeton University, but

whether he has wandered into an insane

It doesn't take long, however, to discover

whence come the cries and the reason

for them. It is Princeton's sophomores

and most cherished customs at an institu-

stranger, on walking still further through

the campus, is likely to see and hear many

other ludicrous and more or less amusing

sights, according to the way he looks at it.

Groups of sophomores decked out in gay-

ly colored orange and black horsing hats

and orange and black blazers may be seen

all over the campus, generally surrounding

one or two freshmen who, in a half-fright-

ened manner, are endeavoring to carry out

sound of a "prep" school yell being given !

at the top of some big husky freshman's

lungs rings across the campus, followed by

the cheers and jeers of the sophomores.

Then comes the polite request from one of

those wearing the detested costume which

designates him as a sophomore that the

freshman give them a funny story or song.

whereupon the poor "freshle" racks his

brain in an endeavor to recall the last joke

he has read, for a good story is suce to let

him off. The same old bromides are got

off year after year by each entering

"get away with it," to use the student ver-

nacular, and are told to "beat it" if they

manage to tell any sort of story at all.

To be allowed to walk in peace for very

long at a time is considered far too dig-

nified for the new freshman, and every

The first thing the entering man must

learn is to wear only the most modest

beautiful purple garters that now dangle

of some sophomore who has made it his

other color than black is also likely to

Down at the foot of the broad stone steps

class, but, strange to say, most of them

the instructions of their tormentors.

'horsing" the freshmen, one of the oldest

The President was out West when he the Cornell yell was sensible; constructed described as weird, and to which he said

Williams: What condition are we likely to the progress of the contest on gridiron or motion. This harmony is further entering to the guerry of the man from the students wave

leader explains, in part at least, why the like madness. office is filled by the Department of Harmony of the university.

yell ourselves into unless something is

leading the college chants.

being full of virile action.

The physical activities of the yell master bringing a perfectly distinct set of pleasembrace all movements of the limbs of urable sensations to everybody concerned.

Perhaps Some of the Small Freshwater Institutions' Cries Suggests Lunacy, but What of That?

riched if there be two or more leaders operating together on one plan, or, as sometimes happens, twelve or fifteen yell masters executing certain gyrations the success of which depends on the consolidated harmonies of all the college men present.

haps, if the posturing leader of the yell sometimes, in a moment of extreme emotion, sinks into the acrobat comique, Now one foot remains motionless, the other dances in a wild and irregular manner, while the hands of the yell master are employed above his head. Now he jumps with both feet together, clapping his hands, every muscle apparently quivering at every movement, and making a point of bringing his long hair down in

CHEER LEADING NOT FATAL.

diamond. The gyrations he performs are So far as is known, no yell master has employed to excite the passions of hatred died from the exertions consequent on the or love, pity or revenge, or to arouse the discharge of his duty as he sees it. They frequently are the worse for wear-flablege mates, the yell master suddenly erects bergasted, and all that sort of thing. The Advancing to a point in front of his colhis head and extends his arms toward the ceremony concludes frequently by men crowd he is to lead. He carries in his hand a large megaphone. There are a few movements of the arms, such as a bandmaster might make before the first note of eating is usually postponed until after the

A low, weird chant begins, growing the chant begins, growing cheer. It was in 1875, he said at his home tudes of the leader. His body begins to the other day, and the occasion was the sway as the chant increases in volume, he first victory of the Cornell crew, at Saraleaps forward and back, he dances with a toga. Dr. Simpson said the yell was peculiar hopping step in front of the originated practically on the spur of the grandstand. When the yell needs acceleradone to check the present tendency? All tion the leader grabs the megaphone, agree that the trend is toward the composition of intricate yells which seem to dances more vigorously than before. He lake, require the performance of increasingly waves his disengaged arm in front of the

each opening in a contest when encourage- le to thousands of his successors at Cor-Cornell has just evolved a frilled varia-ment of the team should be supplied. The tion of its yell. It is called "the siren," team may, for some unaccountable reason, since elapsed. and was introduced at the Pennsylvania be getting the worst of it. Sometimes this State game. It starts with a whistle, and does happen. The team should, then, be nearly wild with delight on that day in goaded on by an unusually vigorous series calls for more different leg, arm and body movements by 're cheer leaders than any of college yells. Very well. The yell masother yell. The cheer leader assumes a ter is right there. So is his megaphone, some form of verbal pyrotechny that crouching attitude and then rises very So are his thousands of sympathizers.

warlike instincts.

slowly to full stature, waving his hands is said, while the crowd whistles crescendo.

The Navy originated "the siren." The gently in a sort of Swedish movement, it step-more peculiar, more hopping. There duces a "Ray! Cornell!" This part of the under the influence of some strong cure. under the influence of some strong emo-tion. The carefully trained movements are clusion is "Yell-Yell. Cornell." It is meant by the leader to represent the kind maintained it was descriptive. It was, yell is given three times, and the conreferred to by those who have heard it as of feelings aroused by the present status, but we expurgated it, fortunately, of the intercollegiate conflict. It is considered an honor to be selected

yell master. While present day methods legs and arms and many of the organs of Dr. Simpson. "Or, put it another way; permay cause one to wonder perhaps why the the yell master are affected at the same haps the students were a little hard on the professor of physical training does not time. The result is a fervid manifestation President. Some of the yells employed by choose him instead of leaving that to be of vitality among his classmates, who are colleges to-day have weakened very much done by the leader of the Glee Club, as is thus led into ecstatic worship of the oldtime significance and force of the sometimes the case, the fact that the gladiators on the field or on the water, as thing. Every preparatory school, every megaphone must be employed by the cheer the case may be, amounting to something girls' school, every one-house college, every

Frequently there is music to accompany ludicrous. the cheering. This intensifies the effect,

Waning at O'd Nassau

Recently, but Has

Many Supporters.

Bill's Wild West Show, which had at-

introduced and enforced by the students

themselves, by which they are put on their

honor not to cheat in examinations, and to

tell if they see any one else cheating. In

case some one is found using dishonest

means in an examination he is reported to

the honor committee, composed of the

presidents of the four classes and two

upper class men, chosen at large. If this

committee finds the man guilty of dishon-

faculty for expulsion. All such cases are

kept secret, but there have been some

where a man has been forced to leave the

university because of his failure to keep

undergraduates alike are unanimous in

their approval of the plan which really

senior is packed with ceremonies and cele-

brations having their origin back in the

lays when the scars of the Revolutionary

War were still fresh upon the little college

the cup ceremony in the evening of com-

mencement day, and the bonfire of all the

old wooden benches used on the front cam-

pus by each outgoing class during its

The freshman at Princeton starts at the

bottom, must realize his position, wear

a freshman cap, not turn up his trousers

and keep off the grass, but, withal, he is

the music is struck, and then all is snake dance, which is another story. Dr. William Kelly Simpson, of No. 352

with their pent-up feelings after the victory, on their way to Saratoga from the Dr. Simpson modestly disclaimed that any great amount of credit should be

the yell master charged with the duty of It is a duty, and consequently a pleas- given him for evolving, at such a vivid ure, on the part of the master to watch for moment, the yell that has acted as an out-

'75. We had no college yell. We were would care for a few of our ebullient emotions. I have always contended that Cor-He is again seen to be rising and falling nell, as a word, was in itself chiefly rethat fitted right in, you see. Then there

"I think the President was a little severe The voice and the facial muscles, the on those students in St. Paul," continued summer camp, has its yell. It is becoming

"But the college yell is here to stay, No Rah, Rah, Rah, for Old Mount Union:

Begin to the querry of the man from mimic representations of incidents during inexpressibly sweet harmony of sound and inexpressibly sweet harmony of sound and second have them. The students ways fingers shiver and shake with all the joof beart and soul that more fortunate ouths make known when they give the long locomotive,' 'the siren' and all the

other so-called improvements over the "The cheer leaders have standardized the outbursts of enthusiarm. They are now done in a scientific fashion. But the President certainly is justified when he criticises the intricate yells given by the small colleges. They don't convey anything. They only make people laugh. Which, when you come to think of it, is not per-

Princeton is permitted to touch a fresh- birth of the Princeton cheer that many him in any way to physical or nervous new president of that famous university Despite all the activity in recent years, harm. No horsing is allowed in the rooms has probably been retarded more on that Graduates of the classes of '61 and '63

each returning fall the old "grads," re- picturesque, Secluded in a little New Jer- words "Sh-sh-boom! Ah-h-h!" at Princeton moan the fact that the "good old days" world of their own, unhampered and un- cheer, but it is pointed out that this proof hersed in more than a half-hearted way. Nassau street, although the main ther- De Witte, James B. King. '61, and David Certain it is that each year sees a de- oughfare of the town, is regarded by the R. Frazer, '61. On the other hand, we are thing is done soon it will be nothing more and only Princeton processions are allowed ness that this cheer originated in the incithan a memory at Princeton before many to march on the street, with the exception of the state militia or some other company of the Regiment through Princeton in the There are still many who are enthusiast'e with government rights. It is this tradiin the support of the old custom, and ateral years ago, when the undergraduates of the national capital. Chancellor Alexbroke up the circus parade of Pawnee ander T. McGill, of the class of '64, says he remembers quite distinctly when the 7th Regiment of New York went to the War and how nearly the whole college went down through Potter's woods to the old station by the canal at midnight to greet it as it passed through. The cheers of the boys, he says, were responded to by the 7th with the "skyrocket," which so impressed the youthful mind that it was indulged in. at first as borrowed property. and later, as time advanced, was adopted

ANTICS IMPRESS THOUSANDS. However this may be, the subject is in-

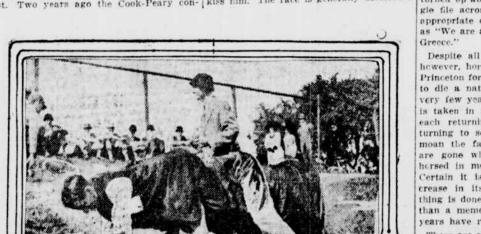
teresting not only to college graduates, but to other thousands who are impressed by the antics of the yell master and the "standardized" results that he obtains, frekept under the control of a rigid set of the honor system. Such cases are few and quently without surcease, throughout an far between, however, and the faculty and entire afternoon We go back to Crusaders for the reason

for the three cheers or three chords works, cheating in an examination being sounded by the band before and after comas far from the average student's mind as pietion of the march down and back in getting through without "cribbing" used front of troops at parade. The soldiers sebe with many before coming to Old lected for a crusade were formed in bin Nassau. It is practically the only large institution of learning in America where the up also, the two bodies being separated. system has proved a pronounced success. The band then marched in front of these There are innumerable other features selected for service and back to its place. about the life at Princeton that, although thus singling out and honoring those chosen slight in themselves, go to make up a to uphold the cause. The assembled popusacred bond of union and enthusiasm for lace no doubt cheered the selected soldiers. their alma mater among the alumni and and the "three cheers" now given by the which brings back hundreds of old "grads" band were symbolic of the cheers for the each commencement for the class reunions, Crusaders. It is not certain that President Taft had

Commencement time for the Princeton this in mind when he referred to the disnity of the earlier hurrahs as compared to the more mechanical emanations of the present. But the stateliness of even a less olden time in this regard perhaps caused of New Jersey. There is senior singing, him to deprecate such striking modifications as are employed by the boys of Buchtel, whose yell is as follows:

Hoo, Rale, Rale, Roo!
Wa hoo!
Wa hoo!
Hullaballoo, Hullaballoo!
Rah, Rah, Hale,
Buchtel, Buchtel, Buchtel!
Ye ho! Ye ho!
Ye Heza, Hiza, Ho, Ho!
Rah, Rah, Rah, Buchtel!

made to feel that he is a Princeton man. SUNDAY'S NEW-YORK TRIBUNE and he has the opportunity of making his Mailed anywhere in the United States own bed on which to lie during his college for \$2.50 a year.



"THE GLOW WORM." A popular method of horsing Princeton freshmen.

troversy furnished lots of material for the & sophomores with ingenious minds to work Another spot famous for its old associa-

ions with horsing is a niche in the old observatory. This niche was evidently designed for a life sized statue of some famous star gazer, but as the statue never appeared the "sophs" made good use of it. The "sacred niche," as it has come to be called, has served as the stage for many an impassioned speech on subjects ranging importance from a discussion of the whichness of what" down to the question

of whether women should vote or not. Here have been played the most touching scenes in Shakespeare, not omitting the balcony cene in "Romeo and Juliet," and many a freshman has told the story of his life from the pedestal. The school cheers of practially all the big "prep" schools, and many of the small ones in the East, have resounded from its walls. The story is told of how a near-sighted old gentleman was one day enjoying the antics and capers that the 'sophs" were putting a green freshman through on the sacred pedestal, until suddenly, after the boy had jumped down and started for his room, the old man exploded making a fool of."

For the best horsing, however, one must journey down to Brokaw Field some moonthe favorite spots for the horsing bees, light evening soon after dinner. Here on Booth Tarkington and Jesse Lynch Will- rowing with all their might in imaginary iams, McCready Sykes and Job Hedges shells. Close by a heated discussion is beall took their turns at being horsed in the ling carried on as to which came first, the

There Are Divers Ways in Circus Maximus, and then at running the chicken or the egg, or as to whether Lean-tie and the entire bunch let off from furder wore a one or two piece bathing suit ther horsing. Still another diversion is to else as the chief actor. Four years ago when he swam the Hellespont. Off in anget a couple of freshmen to push pennies Harry K. Thaw was tried time and again other corner a tall, cadaverous youth is down a big flight of stairs with their noses, in the Circus Maximus, and none of the observed serving as the goal for which say the first one accomplishing this feat re leading features of the case were lacking other freshmen are to race and kiss on ceiving his liberty.

in the burlesque, there even being an Evelyn Thaw on hand to carry on "her" this feat to be let off. The race generally the so-called chain gang, or a long parade Evelyn Thaw on hand to carry on her part in the fun making. This fall the part in the fun making. This fall the Beattle trial was the great point in inter-Beattle trial was the great point in inter-est. Two years ago the Cook-Peary con-kiss him. The race is generally declared a turned up above the knee, marching in sin-Frinceton man than to have horsing con-man than to have horsing congle file across the campus chanting some fused with hazing. No sophomore at to place the exact occasion and date of appropriate or ridiculous little verse, such as "We are ancient Romans, do away with man under any circumstances, or to submit Princeton men declare the selection of a

however, horsing has been on the wane at of an undergraduate, nor can a freshman account than any other. Princeton for some time, and seems doomed be taken from his room by a sophomore. to dle a natural death in the space of a Horsing, however, is only one of the differ in their recollection of this important very few years, unless some drastic action many customs and traditions that go to fact. Dr. John De Witte, '61, has found is taken in its favor by next year. With make the life at Princeton so unique and decumentary proof of the use of the turning to see the university opened, be- sey village, the students form a little prior to 1861. It is true this use was not a are gone when a freshman was really disturbed by what goes on around them. Is supplemented by the recollections of Dr. crease in its practice, and unless some students as sacred to Princeton "P-rades," informed with an equal degree of positive-

tribute the much-talked-of Princeton spirit to horsing more than any other one thing, It is asserted that horsing does create a certain amount of class spirit, and it is on tempted to advance down Narsau street. this that the whole fabric of that wonder- First and foremost among the Princeton ful and intangible Princeton life and Prince customs is, of course, the honor system. ton spirit depends. The horsing season lasts only two weeks.

ending up with the baseball game between the sophomore and freshman nines, which is always followed in turn by the big baseball rush. The senior "P-rade" used to be held on the last day of horsing, but in 1909 the faculty abolished this custom, and since then the seniors try to make the big "P-rade" on St. Patrick's Day, with the est dealings he is recommended to the

A FRESHMAN PILLORIED IN "THE SACRED NICHE."



WITH THEIR NOSES.

horseraces down Nassau street, fill the place of the old senior celebration in the The custom of horsing at Princeton is

PRINCETON FRESHMEN PUSHING PENNIES DOWN FLIGHT OF STEPS